

A MORNING ORDER OF SERVICE

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ascension Lutheran Church, Brandon / Redeemer Lutheran Church, Harlow / Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Coventry
29th March 2020

Good morning and welcome to worship.
Grace and peace to us from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Song: A suggestion to sing or read – Jesus, refuge of the weary (423LSB)

Opening Sentences:

Christ himself suffered for us and left us an example,
so that we would follow in his steps.

He committed no sin,

and no-one ever heard a lie come from his lips.

When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult;

when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge.

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross,

so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

It is by his wounds

that we have been healed.

We were like sheep that had lost their way,

but now we have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of our souls.

(1 Peter 2:21–25)

Prayers:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Psalm: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Bible Readings:

First Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Romans 8:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Third Reading – John 11:1-45
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song: A suggestion to sing or read – My song is love unknown (430LSB)

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Litany:

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Heal me, for I have sinned against you.

Turn to us again, O Lord!

Have pity on your servants.

Let your goodness and love be with us,

as we put our hope in you.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,

and let your saints shout for joy.

Save your people, and bless your heritage;

be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

Remember your church,

which you redeemed long ago.

Peace be within its walls,

and security within its towers.

Let us pray for those who are absent.

O Lord our God, save your servants who trust in you.

Let us pray for God's people who are broken-hearted and oppressed.

Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles.

Send us help from your sanctuary,

and give us support from Zion.

Listen to my prayer, Lord:

and hear my cry for help.

The Offering:

We can pause and thank God for all his gifts to us and then offer ourselves and what we have to him.

(Silence)

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks

what you have first given us –

ourselves, our time and our possessions –

as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love.

Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ,

who offered himself for us. Amen.

The Prayers:

Let us pray:

After each petition you are invited to pray as follows:

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

I thank you, heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.

The Blessing:

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Song: A suggestion to sing or read – Let us ever walk with Jesus (685LSB)